Joan Rosenhauer Executive Director Jesuit Refugee Service/USA

Joan is the Executive Director of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA. In this role, Joan leads the organization's efforts in the U.S. to fulfill its mission – to accompany, serve, and advocate for refugees and displaced people in over 50 countries around the world.

Rosenhauer is a former JRS/USA Board Member and has spent most of her career advocating for social justice and mobilizing the U.S. Catholic community to do the same. As an Executive Vice President of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Joan led the organization's outreach, marketing, and communications – helping those in the United States respond to critical needs around the world. Prior to joining CRS, Joan spent 16 years with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, where she most recently served as the Associate Director of the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development. Prior to that role, she held a variety of positions, including Special Projects Coordinator and Outreach Coordinator for the USCCB's Department of Social Development and World Peace.

Joan has a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in public policy management from the University of Maryland. She has been awarded honorary doctorates from Dominican College and St. Ambrose University. Joan hails from Chicago and is the 2009 recipient of the Harry A. Fagan Award from the Roundtable Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors. She attends St. Casimir Parish in Baltimore.